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LAURENS, S. C., NOV. 3, 1915.

From the reports which we hear, the acreage in grain so far planted is not very large. We have ridden over the county in several directions ourselves recently and our observation bears out the reports. It is possible that the unfavorable weather has had something to do with this by delaying the picking of cotton, but it hardly seems that this is the only reason. Is it possible that after last year's lesson, our folks are going to increase their cotton acreage again. The signs look that way now. This is a very serious matter. Even now, with but approximately eleven million bales to be ginned this year, a barely profitable market is hard to maintain and with a much larger crop the price today would be ruinous. Let's not gamble on this cotton business. Grain and cotton combined make almost a sure combination. Cotton by itself might be a winner, but it is a dangerous thing to meddle with. Haven't we learned that already?

A NEW COUNTY JAIL.

Doubtless the people of this county were strongly impressed with the case made out against the local county jail in this paper last week by Mr. A. D. Olliphant, agent of the state board of charities and corrections. In fact, the visit of Mr. Olliphant and his report were hardly necessary to convince those who are familiar with the situation of the great need of a new jail here. The visit of Mr. Olliphant, however, has opened the eyes of all the people to the needed improvement and has served to awaken the sensibilities of those who were aware of the condition yet had not realized or accepted their responsibility in the matter. To all of us must be attached the blame for the really odious conditions there, for we have failed to raise our voices in protest or urged upon our legislators the need of the improvements. The time is come, however, when we know the conditions and when the responsibility for their correction has been placed upon us with force. The citizens of the county should lose no time in advising their legislators of their desires in the matter.

To properly repair the present building or to build a new structure would cost quite a little sum. Of course the county is able to raise the sum by taxation and, if no other method suggests itself, this will have to be the method. However, we would suggest that the question of abolishing the county rural police and applying the money now going for their salaries to the building fund be seriously considered. While it is not the policy of the county officials to publish the expenses of the different branches of the county government and consequently the cost of the rural police system cannot be arrived at without a search of the county's books, which is always a distasteful proceeding, it is yet well known that the salary account of the rural police runs up pretty high and the benefit is doubtful. An itemized statement as to the rural police system with opinions from the supervisor and sheriff as to its value would doubtless be welcomed by the citizens of the county. We believe that such a statement would show that the rural police system is of doubtful value and that its benefits do not justify the expenditure incident to its maintenance. With the expense of the rural police disposed of, the erection of the county jail would not prove an additional burden.

They Surely Would.

Societies that shut out reporters and refuse to give out news the public wants would be awful mad if the press were to let them severely alone.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The Sabbath.

A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of the whole week.—Beecher.

Don't hesitate about sending a couple of more dollars along for that contest. If you are already behind, get up and get in line with those who are paid in advance. Do not delay. Do it now.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from Page One.)

In attendance at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. L. S. Brooks last week. Mr. C. F. Brooks of Laurens, spent the week-end with homefolks. Miss Jewell Curry had as her guest Sunday Miss Ostell Willis.

MADDER NEWS.

Madden, Nov. 2.—Mrs. Mollie Finley, of Westminster, is on a pleasant visit to relatives here. Mrs. Finley is always a welcome visitor. Bright and cheery, she brings with her a breeze of the joy of living. She is a charming conversationalist. She has had a delightful visit and had the pleasure of meeting several of her college mates of "beto de war". Among these were Meadames Clark, Edwards and Huggins of Laurens.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Finley, on October 29th, a daughter.

School here gave holiday for the show and the institute at Clinton. Both of our teachers attended the latter. It is stated that one man down there, made an address and said "We have had no grammar lately." Amen! Not since the days of Quackenboss!

Mrs. Mollie Teague is spending a few days with her niece, Mrs. May Madden.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Finley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, of Woodrow Wilson. They went up to see Mrs. Claude Finley and daughter.

Mrs. Maude Power and Miss Eulie Power were pleasant callers here Sunday afternoon. They drove out to see their uncle, T. S. Langston, and little Lyle Wofford.

The friends of Mr. Langston will be glad to hear that he is not suffering much with his face now and it is hoped that the treatment he is using will affect a permanent cure.

Miss Maggie Lou Martin of Laurens, spent the week-end with her grandparents here.

Mr. Douglas Bryson and "Aunt Het" were visitors of Mrs. William Byrd, Jr., Sunday.

Cadet John W. Wofford spent the week-end with home folks last week. He came down from Greenville with his little brother, Lyle, who had been in the hospital there.

The friends of Miss Kate Profit will be glad to hear that she is improving since her pleasant trip to her aunt, Mrs. Carleton, in the Mountain City.

Editor Culbertson and Miss Sasie Langston attended and enjoyed the union meeting at Quaker. The next union of this division will be at New Prospect.

The Misses Hudgens spent the week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. Langston.

Beautiful millinery at Red Iron Racket and prices away down. Buy quick.

The case is likely to be hard-fought and it may consume several days in the hearing.

Feather Beds, Feather Pillows, and Felt Mattresses priced extremely low, and these are well made goods.

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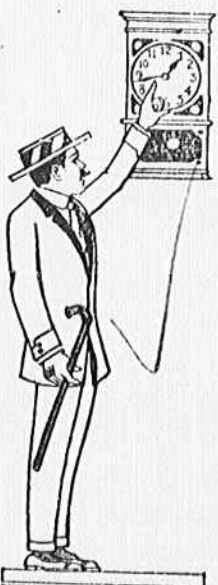
NATURE WARNS

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NOVEMBER SALES DAY WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

Real Estate Sold Brought only Fair Prices, According to Judge of Values Monday, being the first Monday in the month, was legal salesday. A large number of interested people were in the city and considerable land was sold. One who is familiar with real estate values stated that the property sold brought only fair prices. The following sales were made:

By the Clerk of Court.

In the case of R. D. Nance vs Guy N. Boozer and W. D. Senn, a tract of 129 acres near Cross Hill was sold to J. H. Nance and L. G. Nance for \$500.

In the case of J. C. Milford vs Jerry McKensie and J. F. Monroe et al, three tracts of land in Sullivan township aggregating about 102 acres were sold to W. M. Woods and Jerry F. McKensie for \$1,300.

In the case of Merchants B. & L. Association vs Joe Williams and K. R. Martin, one lot near Watts Mills, sold to Frances Grant for \$675.

In the case of M. S. Bailey & Sons vs Carolina McCoy et al, 9 acres in Hunter township formerly owned by Mrs. Sarah Green, sold to F. P. McGowan, attorney, for \$205.

In the case of L. E. Owings vs Austin G. Owings, a tract of 27 acres and a fraction on Rabun creek, sold to R. E. Babb, attorney, for \$200.

Sheriff's Sales.

In the case of the Union Central Life Ins. Co., vs Mrs. Kate E. Cook, 160 acres and a fraction in Dials township sold to J. C. Cox for \$1,500.

In the case of W. C. Hurt vs John P. Bolt and Mrs. Eddie C. Bolt, 300 acres known as the Tom Henderson homestead, in Dials township, sold to R. E. Babb, attorney, for \$2,900.

In the case of the Enterprise Bank vs W. A. Copeland et al, 60 acres a few miles east of the city of Laurens, sold to J. C. Owings for \$1,800.

In the case of the Norwood National Bank vs Lila M. Cunningham, 150 acres on Rabun creek known as Travis Davenport homestead, sold to R. E. Babb, attorney, for \$2,900.

Judge of Probate's Sales.

Henry Day lands, 150 acres four miles east of city of Laurens, sold to T. Pluss Brown for \$1,680.

The tract of land advertised to be sold in settlement of the estate of L. J. Adair was bought in by the heirs.

Now is the time to aid your favorite contestant. Mail your subscription to her or him this week. Still better, mail it to us with directions as to whom you want the credit to go. But, be sure and mail it this week.

WOODRUFF OFFICE ROBBED.

Yeggmen Break Into Postoffice and Get About \$100.

Woodruff, Oct. 27.—Between 2:30 and 3 o'clock the postoffice was entered and robbed this morning by professional robbers who made good their escape.

The robbery seems to have been the work of men who understood the art, as everything was carried out in detail. The door of the safe was blown to pieces, and fragments from the explosion demolished a greater part of a glass and wooden partition between the office proper and the hallway to the carrier's desks in the rear of the building.

The yeggmen entered the office from the lobby by prizing open with some kind of bar the postmaster's private door. At the hour of opening this morning the door in the rear was still locked.

The amount obtained was about \$100, including stamps and registered mail. Most of the amount obtained was cash. A member of a family in an adjoining building was awakened this morning about 2:30 by an unusual sound but after an entrance was forced into the office the yeggmen were so very quiet about their work that nothing was thought of the noise. The explosion occurred about 2:55 a. m., shaking the buildings close by. The clock in the office stopped at 2:55 from the jar.

The alarm was immediately given. The yeggmen lost no time in getting away, for the lights in the office were turned on about 10 minutes after the explosion by some one of the citizens and the robbers had gone.

No clue has been found.

Get in the auto contest. It's not too late. Wade in and get the \$25 special prize and thereby demonstrate your ability to win the big prize.

Mother Love.

When the first baby comes most fathers regard it as a little, red, wriggling lump of humanity, but in the mother's eyes it is the most wonderful being that ever came into the world and she wonders why God was good enough to give it to her.

Would Be Good Business.

If farmers could buy city street car hogs at their real value and sell them for what they think they are worth, farm automobiles would multiply more rapidly than rubbish.

VAUGHN WILL MAKE FIGHT FOR LIFE

Former Superintendent of Odd Fellows' Home Will Be Tried as to His Sanity This Week.

Greenville, Nov. 1.—Beginning this morning another week's session of the Court of General Sessions will convene and if Judge Memminger carries on the work of the court as he did last week, there will be a considerably relieved docket at the end of the term. The court does not put too much speed in the workings of the court, but he keeps the attorneys on the job throughout and makes every moment count during the hours of the daily session.

This week, however, it will be impossible to hear as many cases as last, owing to the fact that there are cases coming up, all of which will take up considerable time in the hearing.

The case of T. U. Vaughn, who is to be tried as to his sanity, will come up this week and this case will probably last at least a day. This is one of the most interesting cases in the history of the county. Vaughn was condemned to be hanged for crimes committed when he was superintendent of the local Odd Fellows' home. Later he escaped by sawing out of jail here, or being sawed out by friends on the outside, went to Baltimore, and was there arrested and returned to this state.

In the meantime, or before he was executed, the form of execution was changed from hanging to electrocution, and he, therefore, appealed to United States supreme court, on the grounds that he could not be electrocuted as he had been sentenced to be hanged.

To Be Tried for Sanity.

The supreme court ruled that he could not escape on these grounds, and hence it became necessary to have Vaughn resented. In the interim, however, he either became insane or has feigned insanity with such skill that he has not been resented but his attorneys secured for him a trial as to his sanity.

Just what the nature of the testimony will be is not known, but supposedly it will consist of the testimony of alienists and by the general appearance of the prisoner. It will doubtless be much in favor of the lawyers' contention that he is insane.

The state will doubtless refute this testimony with the testimony of other alienists, who have said more or less publicly that Vaughn is not insane but is feigning.

If the defense wins, Vaughn will be imprisoned for the remainder of his life in the criminal section of the asylum, and if the state wins he will be re-sentenced and electrocuted.

There are to be a number of other interesting cases tried at this term, notable that against Manley Neeley, charged with murdering William Simmons, which will come up one week from today.

This is the most recent killing and occurred in the Ape Yard in the back room of Burns' livery stable. Neeley admitted that he shot Simmons through the head because he said Simmons was advancing upon him with a knife. Four other young men were present but did not seem to know much about the affair, claiming their backs were turned and that the whole thing occurred quickly.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Warning—All persons are forbidden to hunt, fish or trap or in any manner trespass on my lands. K. B. Brownlee. 15-1t-pd

Sow Wheat—Pure seed wheat, a seed that has proven very profitable with us during the past six years. Rock Bridge Seed Farm, Jack H. Davis, Mgr., Clinton, S. C. 15-5t-pd

For Rent—One two-horse farm. Also one thousand acres for sale. Apply to Tom M. Shaw, Laurens, S. C. 15-2t

For Rent—Two communicating offices. Water, light and steam heat included. Apply to Laurens Nat. Bank. 13-tf

For Sale—Carpenter Organ, used only short time. Bargain. Address Mrs. L. A. McCord, or call at Mrs. McCord's studio, Laurens, S. C. 11-5t-pd

For Sale or Will Trade together or separately for cattle or stock, one White-Blakesley 15 h. p. gas engine with throttling governor, and 46 inch corn mill, in good condition. L. Townes Curry, Gray Court, S. C. 11-5t-pd

For Sale—70 acres well improved farm, with good dwelling, out buildings and tenant house, good neighborhood, convenient to school and churches, known as Ernest Benet home place, Anderson & Blakely. 7-tf

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VOID DECEMBER 3, 1915

Chinese Salt Wells.

Salt wells in China have been operated for hundreds of years, and in the Tzeiching district, especially, have built up a prosperous community. In some cases the wells are 300 feet deep. The salt is obtained in the form of brine, which is raised in bamboo tubes by means of crude derricks, the motive power for which is furnished by water buffaloes.

Spectacles Known to Ancients.

There are evidences in ancient writings that some sort of a spectacle was used as early as 2000 years ago. In which do Spina lived, but to what extent or with what effect is not known. It is thought that for some ages the Chinese have employed spectacles for the relief of defective eyesight and probably they were known to the ancients.